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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION: CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

1. ALL PAPERS SEPT. 7 FOCUS ON CAMP DAVID IN THEIR EDITORIAL COLUMNS.
MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN AL QUDS ATTACKS THE ISRAELI POSITION BEFORE
THE CONFERENCE; PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST ASHA'B TAKES THE REJECTIONIST
STAND AND ATTACKS THE EGYPTIANS AND COMMUNIST WEEKLY ATTALI'AH
DENOUNCES ALL THREE PARTICIPATING PARTIES AND THE CONFERENCE.
PRO-PLO AL FAJR LOST ITS EDITORIAL TO CENSORSHIP.

2. AL QUDS' EDITORIAL "PRAYER IS NOT ENOUGH" COMPLAINS
"ALL WE CAN DO IS ASSESS AND GUESS" ABOUT THE CONFERENCE, BUT
SURMISES CAMP DAVID "CANNOT EVADE DISCUSSING THIS TERRITORY BECAUSE
IT IS THE CORNERSTONE OF AN ACCEPTABLE...DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES."
THE PAPER ATTACKS ISRAELI DEMANDS FOR MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE
WEST BANK AND IN GAZA WITH RIGHT OF SETTLEMENT AS ILLUSTRATING
"ISRAEL'S KNOWN OBJECTIVE OF KEEPING THE WEST BANK AND GAZA UNDER
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ISRAELI SUZERAINITY WITH ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS." THE WRITER CONCLUDES
"THIS OF COURSE DOES NOT FULFILL MINIMUM ARAB REQUESTS"
AND IS "AN ISRAELI ESCAPE FROM ACKNOWLEDGING ARAB SOVEREIGNTY OVER
THESE LANDS."

3. PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST ASHA'B PREDICTS THE RESULTS OF CAMP DAVID
WILL BE "DISAPPOINTMENT AND FAILURE" IN SPITE OF THE "GRAY INFOR-

MATION

METHODS WITH WHICH THE U.S. AND ISRAEL ARE HANDLING NEWS OF THE CONFERENCE." FAILURE WILL COME, ACCORDING TO ASHA'B, FROM THE "GREAT GAP BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI POSITIONS, ALTHOUGH THE EGYPTIAN POSITION DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM REQUESTS OF THE ARABS..." THE PAPER CALLS UPON THE REJECTIONIST STATES TO REALIZE THAT A "JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE AREA" CAN ONLY BE REALIZED THROUGH "A STRONG AND VIGOROUS UNIFIED" RATHER THAN "A DEGRADING PARTIAL AGREEMENT OR A LEAN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES."

4. ATTALI'AH SAYS "CAMP DAVID IS NOT A GAME OF CHANCE WORTH WAITING FOR AN OUTCOME, WHETHER A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES..OR A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS...IS ACHIEVED OR NOT." EITHER RESULT WOULD "NOT SERVE A JUST PEACE...OR EXPRESS THE TRUE INTERESTS OF THEPEOPLE OF THIS AREA." ALL THREE PARTICIPANTS AT CAMP DAVID ARE ACCUSED OF BEING "BLINDED TO THE REAL FACT THAT THE CASE OF THE PALESTINIANS IS THE CORE OF THE PROBLEM." THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT ANY SETTLEMENT "BASED ON BALANCE OF POWER WILL BE TRANSIENT AND ARTIFICAL" WITH THE END RESULTS "NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSPIRATORS."

5. AL FAJR WITH ONLY "SORRY" IN THEIR EDITORIAL SPACE INDICATES THAT THEIR PROPOSED COLUMN WAS REJECTED BY THE MILITARY CENSOR.
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